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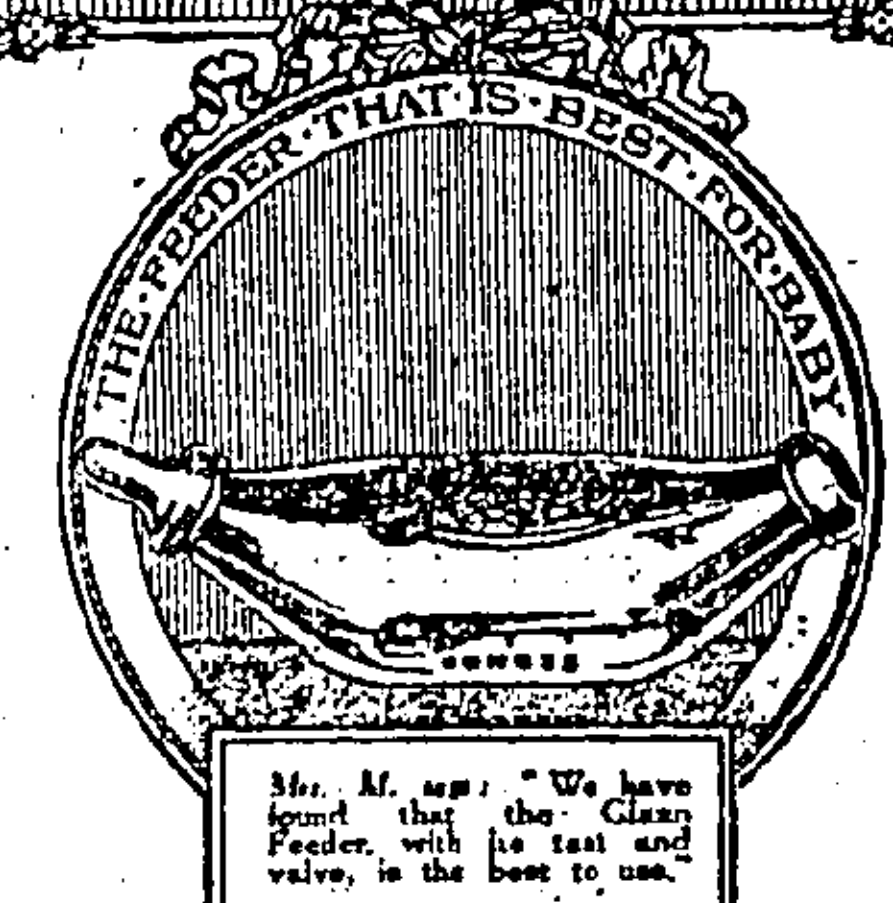
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PRESIDENT HARDING'S FUNERAL.
IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.
THOUSANDS PAY THEIR LAST TRIBUTE.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MARION, August 10.
Throughout the night preceding the funeral thousands of people filed past Mr. Harding's bier. The queue at midnight seemed unending, and Mrs. Harding ordered the house to be kept open, if necessary till sunrise, to enable all friends to bid her husband farewell. The floral tributes were so numerous that they overflowed from the house into the lawn and adjacent gardens.

MILLIONS MOURN.
MARION, August 10.
Amid hushed silence and in the presence of vast multitudes of mourning countrymen, Warren Gamaliel Harding, twenty-ninth President of the United States, was laid to rest in the cemetery of his native town this afternoon.

The normal activities of thousands of cities and towns throughout the country ceased simultaneously as the casket was placed in the vault. Trams stopped. Telegraphs and telephones were stifled. Millions stood for a few moments in reverent respect. Shops and business concerns everywhere suspended work for the entire day.

-LAST SIMPLE RITES.
The cortege with the widow and other members of the family, Mr. Coolidge (the new President), Cabinet Ministers and other notables, passed through the avenue lined by ten thousands of townspeople and visitors.

There was no military display and no bands, while the funeral services were impressively simple.

Only relatives and intimate friends participated in the last simple rites at the graveside. The Presidential salute of twenty-one guns was fired as the hearse entered the cemetery. The hymn "Lead Kindly Light" was sung by the local church choir. A short scripture reading, prayer and hymn followed, the ceremony concluding with the benediction.

LATER.
Throughout the day the people poured into the city in continuous streams. Hundreds fainted owing to the great heat. These were treated at emergency hospitals.

Mr. Coolidge, Mr. Taft, the Cabinet Ministers, the Speaker and the temporary President of the Senate acted as pall bearers.

BRITAIN'S SORROW.
LONDON, August 10.
Flags were flown at half mast all over Britain to-day on the occasion of the burial of Mr. Harding.

Memorial services were held in Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret's. The former was remarkable for its cosmopolitan character. Crowds of Americans assembled outside the Abbey door which was closed early owing to the throng. Many people were unable to gain admission and remained outside. Fifteen hundred Americans were among the congregation which was representative of all classes of British society.

KING'S RESPECT.
The King was represented by the Duke of York wearing Air Force uniform. There were also present Cabinet Ministers, Privy Councillors, representatives of the Services and diplomats in resplendent uniforms.

The service was fully choral. The congregation joined in the very fervent singing of Mr. Harding's favourite hymns, "Lead Kindly Light," and "Abide With Me."

The King did not race at Cowes, remaining on the Royal yacht whose flag, like those of the other yachts, was flown at half-mast.

The Baltic Exchange suspended business for an hour.

LONDON, August 10.
The Harding service at St. Margaret's was an overflow from the Abbey. The congregation included a party of Americans just arrived from Rotterdam specially to attend the Westminster service. They were very disappointed when they found there was no accommodation.

PARIS, August 10.
The Ministers of War and Marine represented the Government at a Harding memorial service held in the American pro-Cathedral. Drum taps were sounded in the Place Concorde.

BRITISH INTERESTS.
MISSION TO RUSSIA.
PREMIER'S COUSIN.
LONDON, August 10.
A party of business men headed by Mr. F. L. Baldwin, cousin of the Premier, and Chairman of Bafos Traders Ltd., which is an association of eighty British engineering concerns formed ten years ago to prosecute British interests in Russia, has left on a mission to Russia where they hope to conclude definite business with the Soviet.

WHAT WE WANT.
BRITAIN'S REPARATION DEMAND.
OUR AMERICAN DEBT.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 10.
It is understood that the British note to the Allies *inter alia* stresses the necessity of obtaining either from reparation or from Britain's Continental debtors a sum sufficient to meet the British debt to the United States.

MINES TO BE SEIZED.
COBLENCE, August 10.
The Inter-Allied High Commission has ordered the seizure of mines in the occupied territory, empowering the Inter-Allied Mission to take possession and exploit them where the producers refuse to deliver fuel under the treaty.

The decree provides a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment for refusal to obey orders or interference with the working of properties. Acts of sabotage shall be punished by twenty years' imprisonment or even death where they result in fatalities.

COUNTY CRICKET.
YORKSHIRE STILL WINNING.
WOOLLEY'S EXPLOIT.
LONDON, August 10.
Yorkshire, at Leicester, defeated Leicestershire by an innings and 74 runs, Rhodes taking 4 wickets for 46 runs and 4 for 30 and Sutcliffe compiling 90.

Kent, at Canterbury, lost to Middlesex by seven wickets. Kent batted first and made 445, of which Woolley (F.E.) contributed 270, this being the highest individual score of the season. Kent's second innings amounted to 159. Middlesex replied with 457 (Murrell 86 and F.T. Mann 79) and secondly, 148 for 3 wickets, Mann contributing 53 not out.

At Leyton Essex beat Hampshire by three wickets. O'Connor (Essex) compiled 111 not out in the second innings. Hampshire's second innings closed at 204, J.W.H.T. Douglas securing 7 wickets for 72.

Lancashire defeated Notts by ten wickets at Manchester. The first Notts innings closed at 251, Gunn (G.) compiling 115. In their second venture the Nottsmen were all out for 61, two men being absent hurt. Tyldesley (R.) took 3 wickets for 5 runs and Hickmott 3 for 15, both for Lancashire. Lancashire's totals were 203 and 111 for no wickets, Makepeace scoring 62 not out.

At Birmingham, Warwickshire led Northamptonshire on the first innings. For Warwickshire, B. Quiffe scored 99 not out in the first innings and Captain Parsons 131 in the second.

Gloucestershire defeated Worcestershire at Bristol by five wickets. Dipper compiled 171 in the first innings; Parker secured 7 wickets for 72 and 6 for 78, both for Gloucestershire. M.K. Foster made 121 in the second Worcestershire innings.

At Weston-super-Mare, Somerset lost to the West Indies team by 198 runs. Challoner, in the first innings, made 79 for the West Indians.

Glamorganshire, at Cardiff, lost to Sussex by 175 runs. Tate took 5 wickets for 62 and 7 for 56 for Sussex.

AGAINST THE SOVIET.
PEASANT OUTBREAKS.
RIGA, August 10.
There have been numerous anti-Soviet peasant outbreaks in the Odessa, Ekaterinoslav, and Don districts, also in North Caucasus.

The outbreaks are reported to be the result of vigorous measures by Soviet collectors who are employing militia to assist them requisitioning in corn as a tax.

POURING OUT MONEY.
BERLIN, August 10.
After a few hours, the strike in the State printing works has been settled, enabling the resumption of printing of billions of paper marks.

The banks have decided to issue emergency cheques of 1,000,000 and 5,000,000 marks to meet the currency shortage.

BERLIN STRIKE.
BERLIN, August 10.
The traffic on the underground railways has come to a standstill owing to a strike following the dismissal of three workmen.

UNNECESSARY?
BERLIN, August 10.
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HONGKONG RADIO SOCIETY.

DURING the absence of Mr. D. TOLLAN from the Colony Mr. A. L. TERRY, c/o THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC CO., LTD., 17 Queen's Road Central, has been appointed to act as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

J. H. DONNITHORNE, President.
Hongkong, August 10, 1923.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the St. John's Cathedral Hall, on MONDAY, 20th August at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend—others interested in music are cordially invited.

E. BULLOCK, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, August 7, 1923.

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Hongkong, August 7, 1923.



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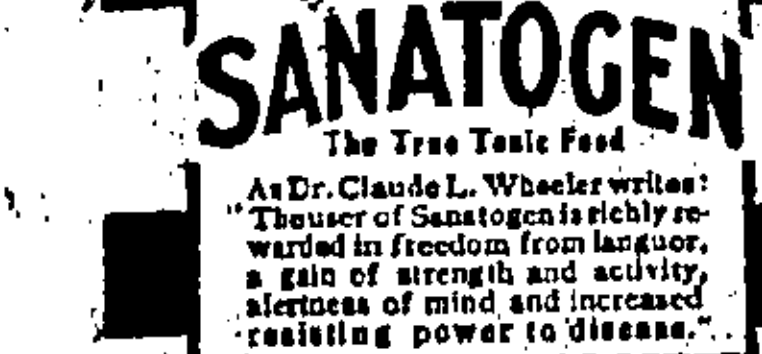
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MAIL-WEEK-NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Fire destroyed the largest sawmill in the world, owned by the Korsnäs Company, near Gäddede, in Sweden.

Big Ben is once again out of action. This is the third time since it was taken to pieces and cleaned at Whitsun.

Alleged to have been racing a rival omnibus, David Cronin, a London General Omnibus Company's driver, was fined £1 for negligent driving at Lambeth.

Mr. C. H. O. Sealie, St. John's College, Oxford, who holds a Lord Kitchener Memorial Fund scholarship, has been awarded the Newdigate Prize for English verse.

Thirty thousand Italian ex-soldiers are gathering in Rome to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of the Piave, which paved the way for the final rout of the Austrians in 1918.

Madame Maurice Prax, the wife of a French journalist, entered a cage containing four large lions at the Neuilly fair, outside Paris, and sang an aria from Massenet's opera "Manon."

The late Lord Manton's herd of 60 Red Poll cattle was sold at Sudbourne, Suffolk, at an average price per head of £213, one 9-months-old bull being bought by Lord Waverley for £918 15s.

On the anniversary of Sir Henry Wilson's death Countess Roberts unveiled two flags—presented by Lady Wilson—above the memorial to the late field-marshal at Liverpool-street Station, London.

Mrs. Ashley, accompanied by her husband, Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, formally opened the new Dartford-Brith Road, which is just over a mile long.

Seventy of the followers of M. Stambuliski, the shot Bulgarian Premier, have been killed and wounded by the soldiers who are pursuing them, the latter sustaining 80 casualties, including 30 dead.

Mrs. Elaine Fitzgerald, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, who said that after getting a divorce she remarried her husband, was granted a maintenance order on the ground of desertion by the Kingston-on-Thames magistrates.

At a meeting of creditors at Stockton-on-Tees of Albert Chester, shipowner, Middlesbrough, it was stated that three years ago he was worth £143,000, and as a result of the shipping "slump" he now owed £70,000, with £1,500 assets.

Marcus Garvey, the New York Negro "Provisional President of Africa," who appeared in court in a gorgeous blue and gold uniform, was sentenced in New York City to five years' imprisonment on charges of defrauding investors, mainly Negroes, in the Black Star Steamship Line.

Under the name of the Regent-Jernyn Theatre Company Ltd., a new company has been registered at Somerset House, with a nominal capital of £250,000, to purchase or construct a theatre or theatres and carry on business as theatre proprietors and managers. Mr. C. F. Karuth, of 55, Crediton-hill, N.W., and Mr. T. Walford, of Romford, are directors.

A meeting of a joint committee of trade unionists and co-operators will be held at Manchester to try to settle the dispute between the Co-operative Wholesale Society and some of its employees.

In Parliament Mr. Hugh Butler will ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department if his attention has been called to the proposed payment of £14,000 to Mr. U. F. Wintour, lately general manager of the British Empire Exhibition towards which the Government has guaranteed £100,000.

It is understood, says *Reuter*, that the delegation of British settlers in Kenya Colony are favourably impressed with the course of interviews they have had with the Colonial Secretary on the question of the respective political rights of the white and Indian settlers in the colony.

Eighty purses, six men's wallets, nine pairs of eye-glasses, two tobacco pouches, were stated by the police to have been found in the house at Burnley of Thomas Emerson, a labourer, whose wife was remanded at Blackburn on a charge of stealing three purses containing £14 14s. from women shoppers at Blackburn Market.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1923.

SUGGESTIONS.

If there is anything in the popular superstition that our ears bura and take on a lurid hue when we are the topic of other people's conversation, then the ears of our Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police since Tuesday last must have been a very dangerous pair of incinerating agencies, and out-hued the hues of the setting sun. For the Queen's Road fatal shooting incident and the publicity of the Government's intention to strengthen the hands of our Law enforcers, has set tongues wagging, and stirred the surface, in some instances lightly, in others deeply, of popular imagination, to the usual extraordinary degree, so much so that we have been engaged in killing Kruger with our mouths in a very Kiplingian manner and producing a crop of suggestions that if they were carried into effect, so we assert, the evil of arms smuggling and trading would effectually disappear as if by magic. The Government can be heartily congratulated on its intention even if it cannot be congratulated on its tardiness in doing a thing that should have been done years ago. No one for a moment is going to suggest that the proposed increase of punishment will eradicate the evil in its entirety. Short of the threat and carrying out of capital punishment no punishment in the world, be it imprisonment for life, is going to put a stop to a game in which there is a maximum of excitement and gain to those who take part in gun-running. It has

been a profitable pursuit adown the ages and will be whilst the ape and the tiger are such component parts in man's make-up. We can only hope to lessen the evil somewhat, realising that increase of punishment is only going to lead to increase of daring and the sharpening of wits on the part of those—big "rings" we maintain, who are engaged in a profitless, for we hold the killing of people to be so, if profitable, pursuit of dealing surreptitiously in arms. The question is a formidable one for like most questions it does not stand alone. It is almost inextricably mixed up with a number of domestic and social questions. If the lawless state of the adjoining country and that further afield, has something to do with the matter, so has the overcrowding which we allow to continue in our Colony, the unregistration of our house servants, the poor pay of native police (suggested by us recently when we commented on the Annual Police Report and that part of it which referred to the number of times our lukongs were "on the mat") and the apparent laxity of oversight which in such an extensive harbour as we possess, must be, unless we are prepared to load ourselves with a great increase in Revenue officials. We are not prepared at the moment to justify what we have said regarding these statements, preferring to throw these "apples of discord" into the large arena which is already full to overflowing with the opinions of the many. Thinking people will perhaps recognise the truthfulness of our statements and urge for reform. Let us merely at this stage examine a few of the multitudinous suggestions which have been put forward. "Observer" in our last night's issue advocated a less con-

spicuous garb in the apparel of our Chinese detective staff, and the stopping of the practice of holding in conversation of those European officers on duty by their colleagues in mufti of. In this weather, a popular kind. An excellent and commonsense suggestion, much in advance of the verbal suggestion of an equally sagacious and observant resident, who advocates the placing of a cordon of police round the Colony and a systematic and thorough search made of each house in the Colony. Gilbertian if Utopian certainly. Impossible to carry out we imagine, and if it were, not productive of lasting benefit. Another suggestion is that the water front from Arsenal Street onwards to Causeway Bay should be under greater supervision than that which operates at the moment. A number of boats anchor in this part of the stream and if the goings to and comings from them by numberless sampans and the things they carry could be recorded the list of our Import and Export Returns would be increased and our statistical figures be of greater value, and incidentally of greater interest. We need official landing places in that direction and day and night supervision of no unwavering kind. Sly brothels need to be rooted out as possible if not probable gun-running Agencies. An eye also kept on the men who somehow or other get in touch with visiting seamen and who act as "guides." This is a not uncommon sight in our midst. It used to be said that most of the plots leading to revolutions which have plagued China were first of all hatched in Hongkong, our "safe asylum" offering advantages of a distinctly advantageous kind. (As a resort for refugee generals—Hongkong is as popular as is Blackpool with trippers!) Secret places of assignment are perhaps difficult to root out. Make a beginning by seeing that the numerous Clubs and Guilds with which we are honey-combed are strictly within the meaning of the terms on which they are allowed to exist. We are afraid all these but lead to a preachment on the state of our Police activities, but they serve to show in which direction the mind of the populace is moving. Whether the thinking is ineffective or weak the great thing is that some thinking is being done with a desire to help. We have heard it said that greater encouragement should be given to the European section of the Police Force to acquire a more competent hold on the Cantonese dialect and of Chinese Customs and ways of thought, especially in the "things that are dark." Whilst it is pointed out that the present Captain Superintendent of Police initiated himself into a profound knowledge of his duties and his difficulties by a great deal of night vigil, with an increase in the number of Heads in the Force, 4 p.m. probably now sees the end of their working day: The whole position bristles with difficulties and our protectors need our sympathies and where it can be given our intelligent co-operation. They may not agree that "In the multitude of Counsellors there is safety."

Rival Camps.
A serious warning that the United States is drifting into war because of the prohibition law has been issued by Admiral Bradley Fiske, United States Navy (retired), who urges that the situation is serious enough to warrant the calling of a conference of a hundred leading citizens to settle the vexing question in the same manner as the limitation of armaments was decided a year ago at the Washington Conference. Admiral Fiske points out that Great Britain, France, and Italy are lined up against the United States over the question of seizing sealed liquor supplies, and that nations have gone to war for a lesser cause. War is unlikely, but the drift is unmistakable, and the country may have to change its course to dodge it. On the other hand, Mr. Wayne Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, recently told an audience that the 1924 programme would be to prevent the repeal or weakening of the prohibition law, to hold the forts, strengthen the lines, and never surrender. He declared that the liquor interests of the country, encouraged by Europe and the "wet" victories in Canada, were making their best fight to discredit prohibition, and he urged the "dry" forces to rise and meet the attack. "Americans must obey the law if democracy is to survive," he declared, "and foreign Powers must learn that they cannot do things in America in the name of international courtesy which are prohibited by the Constitution." So there you are. Which view is to prevail it is impossible to tell until the election has been held.

To-day's Poem.

(Iris.)

An Iris army flanks my garden
walks
In gay platoons of purple, gold and blue.
As down the wind they march on
slender stalks
I see green sabres flashing into view.
And sometimes drenched with sun-
light they will stand
(And then of loveliness I drink my fill)
Majestically waiting a command
With ranks at rest and picturesquely still.
But, O! I dread the night a certain tune
Is bugled through my garden to the tramp
Of flower footsteps, vanishing too soon.
It tells that Irises are breaking camp.
—L. LLOYD.

A BAMBOO GROVE.

A leafing canopy with arched protection
For tender shoots, the seed of Eastern art—
From passion of the tropic sun's reflection
Affectionately shades each plant heart.

An atmosphere of age and mystery,
An old cathedral, Nature's very own,
Where whispers undulate each rest-
less tree,
In verdant cloisters resonating tone.
—JOHN KYOTO,
1923.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 11.—Coronet Theatre; Bryant Washburn in "The Road to London" and Sunshine Sammy in "Saturday Morning."
August 11.—World Theatre; The New Leather Pushers, Round 10, and Mary Miles Minter in "Tillie."
August 11.—12.—Star Theatre; Grand Vaudeville Entertainment 9.15 p.m.

SPORTS.

August 16.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club Ladies' Medal Competition.
August 19.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club Competition, Happy Valley Course.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

August 11.—Lammer Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, 11 a.m. a quantity of miscellaneous goods including 12 kegs Indigo paste, 8 White Mountain freezers, 36 electric table-fans and 6 voltaile sets.

August 13.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shaui-
wan, 3 p.m.

August 14.—Lammer Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, at Noon, one liver and white pointer dog and one liver pointer dog.

August 20.—General meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The August Criminal Sessions are to be held on Monday week, August 20, at 10 a.m.

If you want to see all the familiar sights of far off "Smoke" again, pay a visit to the Coronet and see "The Road to London."

Hongkong Jockey Club members are referred to an advertisement relating to subscription griffins for the next annual race meeting.

Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd., have been appointed sole distributors in Hongkong and South China for the products of the Westinghouse Electric International Co.

Two cases of small-pox, three enteric and one paratyphoid are reported in the returns of the Medical Officer of Health for the 24 hours ending July 29. All the patients are Chinese, except one British case of enteric (imported).

The Government Gazette publishes an order of His Majesty in Council directing that the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, shall be postponed from coming into operation until January 1, 1924.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall addressed the Chinese Wines Trade Union at their inaugural ceremony at the Yee Woo restaurant last night. About 4 thousand persons were present. A speech by Mr. Kotewall on the harmonious co-operation of capital and labour was enthusiastically received as the Union comprises 30 firms of distillers, 400 wine-shops and 3,000 employees.

At Government House yesterday, H.E. the Governor thanked the members of the Tung Wah Hospital committees for 1922 and 1923 for their public services. The members were introduced by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Colonial Secretary was also present. His Excellency mentioned the removal of the water restrictions and the new measures dealing with arms.

The following revised order has been issued by the Commodore H. M. Dockyard, Hongkong:—A square red flag will be hoisted at the masthead of H.M.S. "Tamar" when a ship is entering the Naval Camber, and a black ball over the red flag when a ship is leaving the Naval Camber. A blue flag will be hoisted when a vessel is entering or leaving the Naval Dry Dock. This order will be in force from August 15, 1923.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. George Alston Buyers, C.A., has been appointed an auditor for the purpose of the Companies Ordinances, 1911-1921.

Major A. E. B. Jones R.A.M.C. has been taken over from Major J. R. Lloyd R.A.M.C., who went home on leave recently, the duties of O.C. Military Hospital, Kowloon.

The death is announced of Prof. W. P. Ker, Fellow of All Souls, and Professor of Poetry at Oxford. He was Professor of English Literature, University College, London, from 1889 to 1922.

AS YOU LIKE IT.

WEEK-END SHREDS AND
PATCHES.

Canton is anxious FIFTY-FIFTY, that Hongkong should go "fifty-fifty" with it in "all things." All things. Heaven forbid! The Colony is already housing half Kwangtung but we don't want half the model Province's bandits as well. Nor do we want to go fifty-fifty with Canton in its little scraps. That would be unfair to our K.R.A. After all, you mustn't poach on other people's preserves, you know.

According to a woman HOOK writer the latest OR models from Paris seem to prove that the straight, slender line has won against the more bouffant styles. Presumably we may expect, among large, well-favoured ladies, an epidemic of what jockeys call "wasting." If Paris decrees it, the "straight, slender line" will have to be attained somehow.

This is how "Reform," writing in the *Peking Gazette*, sees the absurd treating custom—A and B are having a drink. C comes along (a friend of B) and is invited to sit at the table. A says to B, "Drink yours up and have another; this is my round. So another drink, A+B+C, is swallowed. Then C out of courtesy to A to whom five minutes before he was a perfect stranger, insists on his round. So round C+A+B goes; shortly to be followed by B+A+C. Then a friend of A+B, D, blows in and seats himself, insisting that it's his round, so round D+A+B+C is served. Neither D nor A have ever seen C before, nor C them. Yet, owing to this rotten habit, C stands them a drink and has three for himself: the probability being that had he not passed A+B's table, he would not have swallowed one at all. "Reform," then points out that "if you are buying a handkerchief, or a tin of cigarettes, you don't buy one for all and sundry who blow along at the psychological moment." Nor do you, when you are ordering a coffin for the grandmother whose nine lives allowed you to see as many football matches during office time when you were young, also order one for any friends who may happen along at the psychological moment. It's an engaging problem. Perhaps our only reader has something to say about it.

Not far from this THE LATEST office is displayed to the public gaze the latest effort in drawing public attention to what the shopman can do: Shoe Maker, S. Nakao, Fat Man.

I am before worked at N. and Co. but now a day I do opening of a shop my self. S. N. and Co.

Schoolboy howlers are appreciated the world over. Here are a few which have swum into things which are equal to anything else. "A grass widow is the wife of a dead vegetarian." "Oceanica is that continent which contains no land." "In India a man out of a cask may not marry a woman out of another cask." "Parallel lines are the same distance all the way and do not meet unless you bend them." "Gravitation is that which if there were none we should all fly away."

"Louis XVI was gelineated during the French Revolution." "Horse power is the distance one horse can carry a pound of water in an hour." "Palsy is a kind of new writer's dance."

"Letters in sloping print are hysterics."

The Cherub has received a letter from Australia enclosed in an envelope bearing the device of a foot rule with the words "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." He suggests that Hongkong might well adopt the idea. If Ice House Street will take the lead—and carry it out—the rest of the business community will follow. But perhaps they follow Bernard Shaw's famous dictum—"Never do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same."

This week's noble thought—from *Arctole France*: "All wars are now civil wars." Ponder that long. Boiled down, it is the world's tragedy.

Letter writing is an art which has provoked many books, some bad and others worse. Like most other arts letter writing cannot be taught. It is a gift from the gods. Witness the following screed received by a Hongkong firm this week:—

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ANOTHER WINNER.

PROGRAMME WORTH FIVE DOLLARS.

The holder of the following theatre programme is requested to forward it to the China Mail office when a coupon to the value of \$5 will be issued which may be changed for goods to the same value with any of the advertisers in the China Mail.

Star Theatre Programme No. 42, issued Thursday and Friday, August 9, and 10.

Patrons of the three Cinema Theatres, the Coronet, Star and World are advised to retain their programmes and study the number to be found on the front page.

Most respected Sir:

It is anticipated that there now exist a vacancy in your office under you and I most reluctantly beg to apply for same.

Qualifications have I many which is to be my old sister's husband who was for five years systematic accounts for Mr.—who you undoubtedly know very well. You must want account man, and I express to you that I can count. You give me this esteemed jobs I will acquit myself very well. Moreover, it will relieve me of many anxieties as I am now the soul supporter of my two wives, together with my brother's wives and his seven issues, two of which are adults and five adultresses.

Of course you will give a early reply and offer me this esteemed jobs.

Hoping you are the same. I am, Most respected Sir, Yours obediently.

After that the hand which holds the pen might well kick the bucket.

A Macao City published a card giving a list of 24 places worth seeing in that quiet place. No. 2 the General Post Office No. 4 the Fire Brigade Station No. 15 the Hotel, No. 20 the Fan-tan places, and No. 22 "the way back to the steamer." Why hasn't this idea been adopted for Hongkong which is rich in the number of places worth seeing. Here are but a few:—No. 1. The snackeries and Sundae Parlour, No. 2 Bessie's Bar, No. 3 The museum, No. 4. The place where the traffic sign used to be at the foot of Garden Road. There are countless others but these will do to be going on with.

Preaching in St. Patrick's Church, Belfast (Ireland). Rev. F. Chesnut.

Chesnut, a curate, said gambling, smoking, drinking, and dancing were vices, not sins.

At the conclusion of the sermon the vicar, Rev. J. Redmond, standing in the sanctuary, informed the congregation that the preacher was wrong in his statement, and declared gambling, smoking drinking, and dancing were sins.

Two old Irish women were discussing the death of a mutual friend. Said the one, "what did he die off?" said the other "Gangrene." "Well, thank Hivin for the colour," said the first.

They have their screws in Australia just as elsewhere. One had just been initiated into the gentle art of pancake making. Half an hour later the mistress peeped into the kitchen, to find Maggie with an electric iron going and a row of thick cakes spread over the table.

"Aw, mum, th' cakes is a bit thick, I'm a' ironin' them thinner," she said.

Why is it, someone ICONOCLAST wants to know, that there are so many learned men who delight in going about the world destroying people's most cherished illusions? Take, for instance, Babylonian wickedness. Mr. McCabe the lecturer has brutally shattered this dear old illusion when he bluntly states that Babylon, far from being a sink of iniquity, was a well-ordered town, possessing many a just and salutary law. Possibly this is all right; no doubt it would do us no harm to copy some of Babylon's institutions; but why publish the fact? Tardy justice is not likely to be of much use in patching up the reputations of the Babylonians, and we have our own self-respect to consider.

Amelia, whose belief in the wickedness of Babylon is, fortunately, unshakable, has another illusion that Hongkong is even worse than Babylon. If Mr. McCabe wants to shatter an illusion, here is one that is surely more worthy of his eloquence than the other.

—CERBERUS.

OUR LITERARY LOBBY.

LOCAL GOSSIP FOR BOOKY PEOPLE.

It has remained for this four-year old son of E. F. Benson to write the most perfect short story. It has no title. Here it is: "Once there was a murderer with yellow eyes. And his wife said to him, 'If you murder me you will be hanged.' And he was hanged on Tuesday next." A July book list just to hand contains the name of no fewer than thirty-eight books devoted to lawn tennis. "There is one which sets out to teach the strokes of the game by cinematography. . . . We have always felt that brilliance in tennis, like billiards, is evidence of a mis-spent life. It is good news that the Cambridge University Press is to issue 'The Art of Writing' and similar books by Quiller-Couch, at the reasonable price of 5/- per volume. . . . L. A. G. Strong has been heralded as a poet not of infinite promise, but of solid achievement. His 'Dublin Days' has appeared from which we give a quotation. We leave it an open question:—

The Brewer's Man.

Have I a wife? Bedam I have!
"But we was badly mated;
I hit her a great clout one night,
And now we're separated.
And mornin's going to my work
I meets her on the quay:
'Good mornin' to ye, mam,'
Says I:
'To hell with ye,' says she.

Compare that to "The Sovereign Poet" one of William Watson's Hundred poems:

He sits above the clang and dust
Of Time,
With the world's secret trembling
On his lip.
He asks not converse or companionship
In the cold starlight where thou
Canst not climb.

The undelivered tidings in his
breast
Suffer him not to rest
He sees after the immemorable
through
And binds the scattered ages with
a song.

The glorious riddle of his rhythmic
breath,
His might, his spell, we know not
what they be:
We only feel: whatever he
uttereth,
This savours not of death,
This hath a relish of eternity.

The New Leader, the weekly organ of the Independent Labour Party, devoted exactly four lines to a review of Lord Northcliffe's book: *My Journey round the world*. As follows: "This is a worthless book. Lord Northcliffe's diary of his latest tour round the world appeared in his own papers at the time, and was poor copy. . . . We hope the noble Lord is in a place where such opinions affect him not. . . . 'Six months' says a well-known publisher, 'may be taken as about the life of an average novel.' It should also be the minimum sentence on some authors we wot of. . . . Messrs. Bell announce the reissue of Pippa's Diary in three volumes, on India paper, at £1.15.0. . . . This is good news. . . . If Max is immortal, Pippa is immortal. . . . H. M. Tomlinson the late assistant editor of the *Nation* under Massingham has departed on a sea trip to the East. . . . If we are to gain a new *The Sea and the Jungle* as a result, so much the better. . . . In the forest of Fontainebleau an experiment is being tried of an interesting nature. . . . A Colony has been established of those who believe implicitly in the precept 'Know thyself'. . . . By constant application of many difficult and varied principles of study, recreation, rest, movement, thought, etc., the pupils are trying to develop to a high degree any single centre of consciousness—like the 'dancing dervish' who can control the flow of blood, or the 'Eastern Yogi' who controls the actual process of the mind, or the monk, who can produce an emotional ecstasy. . . . Katherine Mansfield died at Fontainebleau. . . . The creator of *Raffles*, E. W. Hornung, (now alas gone for ever) left a number of short stories which have been published under the title *Old Offenders: and a few old scores*. . . . These are said to be in Hornung's best vein. . . . 'Books ought not to be as readable as they are' says the famous Rebecca West, and adds that two days or two weeks should not be the time given to good books, but two months. . . . Rebecca speaks truly. . . . She is by way of being one of our finest literary critics with a punch in her pen which is most exhilarating. . . . We remember meeting Rebecca in our Socialistic days; when we batted on the *Clarion* and feasted on the clear prose of Robert Blatchford and the quaint humour of Neil Lyons whose word sketches are always a delight. . . . The *Letters of Stephen Reynolds* seems to be a good book. . . . His brief confession of faith con-

CORRESPONDENCE.

WORK-THU-SUM.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—On August 3, Erwin Nelson, an American, was sentenced to six months' R.I. for being in unlawful possession of two revolvers. Yesterday, another American, for being in unlawful possession of two revolvers and one automatic, was given the option of a fine of three months' R.I. in default. One may well ask how many revolvers it is necessary to smuggle into the Colony for the Magistrate to recommend the accused for a contribution from the Poor Box if such things exist here.

Yours etc.

THE SNARK.
Hongkong, August 10.

CHARGES AGAINST RICSHA COOLIES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—Ancient the recent case when Mr. D. Burlingham prosecuted an Indian sergeant for accepting bribes from ricksha coolies who were told to infringe the traffic regulations and thus set a trap for the officer, I would like to bring something to the notice of the public.

I am not concerned with the merits of the case in which it was mentioned that the unfortunate coolies were usually mulcted in fines of about \$3 for violating traffic regulations. What I would like to have you know is that every week about 150 summonses are taken out against ricksha coolies. There surely cannot be many more than two thousand coolies in the Colony and this ratio is exceedingly high. Moreover, in these cases, there is generally one witness for the prosecution and one for the defence—the police officer and the coolie. The latter does not know that it would be to his interests to have other witnesses.

Quite recently you advocated a mission for these human beasts of burden. I would suggest that some education both practical and theoretical, in the way of traffic regulations, would benefit these men a great deal more.

I make no hint whatever that these prosecutions are persecutions nor do I say that they are not deserved.

Enclosing my card,
HUMANITARIAN.
Hongkong, August 10.

WATER SUPPLY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

The following is a translation of a letter in Chinese which has been addressed to the Editor of the *China Mail*—

Sir,—During this year and the last, the Chinese residents have suffered much hardship through there being no rain and the resultant curtailment of the water supply. In the Chinese papers I have read of your efforts to secure the removal of the restrictions after the recent rains. The Chinese people will all thank you and Messrs. Kotewall and Chau for the efforts to bring our hardships to the notice of the Water Authority. I am sure all of us will be grateful for the order to come in force on Monday next.

Yours etc.

TAM FOOK CHUEN,
No. 40, Lower Lascar Row.
Hongkong, August 11.

tailed in one of them is before us. It is very fine but of too great a length to quote here. . . . Stephen, who could have done the opposite, went to some obscure fishing village in the south of England and made his home with and amongst humble fisher folk who got to know him and liked him just the same. . . . Never resist the impulse to write says a well-known columnist. . . . It is as un-hygienic as to stifle yawning or any other natural function. . . . Dip out your ideas like water from a spring. The spring refills and is clearer, and so with your mind. . . . There is an unhappy set of people who would like to relieve the pang of ideas unexpressed by writing, but will not because they are afraid of making bad prose or bad verse. . . . This is snobbery, and like all snobs they thwart themselves. . . . The song is more important to the bird than to the hearer. . . . Does the evening thrush sing for you, or even for his mate? He responds to the purple twilight with the silver notes which just then are himself. . . . After this we expect to be inundated with the prose and verse offerings of the many who, in conversation are as eloquent as a Bienenhead, and as eloquent as a Caruso, who yet hesitate to let a drop of ink make millions think. . . . Go to, then, and 'tell the world' what is in you. . . . Out on it ye bath-tub warblers. . . . There's nothing like a happy song to cheer the way. . . . It will be seen that the vim of the pop-sop-dancer is ours, but just a little too late for if we err not we have reached the end of a perfect column. . . . Cheerio then as William of Avon once did say.

—PROXWICK.

TAKE THE RISK.

HONGKONG ENTERPRISE AWAKE!

SOUTH CHINA SCOPE.

LOCAL MERCHANT'S SOUND ADVICE.

A prominent Chinese Merchant of Hongkong, who is deeply interested in constructional and development enterprises in Kwangtung, expressed some interesting views in an interview granted to the *China Mail*, with regard to the suggestion made by the *Canton Daily News* on Thursday for cooperation between Canton and Hongkong Merchants.

I am strongly in favour of Sino-British enterprise in Kwangtung, but when I approach my British friends in the matter they always call attention to the lack of a stable Government in Kwangtung. The trouble in Kwangtung, I point out, cannot last indefinitely and when peace is once restored the opportunities for development will be numerous. Unless British merchants are willing to take a little risk now, they may find themselves left out in the cold when peace comes.

BRITISH HELP NEEDED. Asked why British help was deemed necessary, the Chinese Merchant replied: "Though I am a British subject of Chinese parentage myself, I am of the firm belief that a purely Chinese enterprise cannot be made a financial success where technical knowledge is required. If the British Government would sanction Sino-British enterprise in Kwangtung and do its best to protect it, there can be no doubt such ventures would tend towards cementing the relations of Canton and Hongkong."

The *China Mail* man pointed out the peculiar difficulties in the way until China was united.

For the sake of argument, said the merchant, "we will suppose an owner of a coal-mining concession in Kwangtung, granted by the Provincial Governor appointed by Peking, forms a Sino-British syndicate (the Chinese not necessarily British subjects), will the British Government intervene in the case of necessity?"

The *Mail* man returned the opinion that the British Ministry at Peking would take the usual diplomatic steps should necessity arise.

The merchant then suggested that some arrangement should be made between the Canton and Hongkong Governments to govern such eventualities and asked that the opinion of the Colonial Secretary should be obtained as to the feasibility of such an arrangement.

WATCH THE GERMANS. Continuing, the merchant said: The Germans are all back in Kwangtung and going strong. As recently as last December a German firm in Canton was prepared

to finance and build a railroad with motor-truck equipment. The projected line was from the Heungshan district to Canton. The scheme was approved when Chan Chik-yue, now living here in retirement, was Governor. I feel sure there are plenty of Chinese willing to co-operate with the British in similar enterprises. My main idea is to point out the fallacy of the British merchant standing aloof at a time like the present. Now is the time for him to get busy and run the risk; get in the thin edge of the wedge now so that when the boom comes he will derive the profit.

There are two phases to the question viz. (1). The obtaining of government contracts and (2) contracts with individual merchants in Canton. To mention one opportunity—the Canton Cement Co.'s works are now lying idle for lack of capital and capable management. A fine chance for Sino-British enterprise is here offered.

In conclusion, the Chinese merchant pointed out that the annual revenue of Kwangtung Province alone was \$50,000,000 which under the present chaos was getting into the wrong hands.

Once, however, Dr. Sun Yat-sen restores peace and order, and the revenue is no longer misappropriated, a boom is bound to follow—for instance the long distance telephone scheme to connect the main cities in Kwangtung and the roads planned will offer immense scope for Sino-British co-operation. The Chinese are keen to get in on the ground floor and quite prepared to run the risk of financial failure in co-operation with Hongkong Britons. If, however, the British Government promise their support, the risk will be practically negligible.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT VIEW.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

Seen this morning by a *China Mail* representative, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., (Colonial Secretary) while emphasizing the Hongkong Government's desire to do every thing in its power to develop trade possibilities between the Colony and Canton, stated that in the event of a British subject requiring the assistance of the British Government in any supposed grievance he might have against the Chinese Government, he would have to seek redress through the British Consul-General in Canton, who would take the matter up with the Canton authorities.

Asked whether it would be feasible for the Colonial Government to propose to Canton that questions concerning concessions granted to British subjects by the Canton Government be settled by direct negotiation between Canton and Hongkong, Mr. Fletcher said that any concession duly ratified would be supported by the British Government.

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COMMERCIAL

HONGKONG NOTES AND
COMMENT.

PIECEGOODS.

Following a slight relapse on Thursday afternoon and yesterday morning, the Chinese piecegoods market has picked up again and there is further trading in the best qualities of light woollens for autumn. Yesterday afternoon, a number of samples were distributed and this had the immediate effect of stirring up activity. Here it must be noted that very few of the transactions were for exports, the lots merely changing hands. This, it is stated, is due to some of the dealers who have not given orders, wishing to have stocks on hand when the season arrives as it has been definitely ascertained that last year's carry-over is small. Some of the dealers have already cleared as much as 20 per cent. on their goods before arrival.

European importers are finding trade quiet. One merchant has stated that he is hoping for further indents for next spring. However, the Chinese are not very keen as they have booked their usual quantities of the best-known "chops." Up to the present sales of this summer's goods have brought an average profit of 15 per cent. to the Chinese dealers.

POPULAR FANCY.

There is no doubting that the Chinese this year have favoured open-work designs in the fancy cotton goods. It was at first expected that printed designs in bright lines similar to those on Shanghai silks would be the popular fancy. But as soon as open-work design cottons made their appearance on the market they sold like the proverbial hot cakes. Dealers feel confident that none of these will be carried over till next summer. Late arrivals of some classes of cotton goods will have to keep in storage till next year.

Altogether, the volume of the piecegoods trade this year can be considered satisfactory despite the disturbed political conditions in the two Kwang provinces.

METALS TECHNICALITIES.

It is stated that a dispute has arisen over the arrival of about \$80,000 worth of Yellow Metal Sheeting. There are three kinds, one being "without polish," another "polished on one side" and a third "polished on both sides." In years gone by the first-named grade was imported in fairly large quantities for ship and launch building. Now it is necessary that sheeting should be polished on both sides, although a small trade is done in the "polished on one side" quality. It seems that the Chinese dealer who gave the order for the indent has refused to take delivery as the goods are stated to be "without polish." It is not stated whether the importer or the dealer was responsible for the alleged error.

The metals market has ruled quiet to-day with the appearance of a slight weakening in quotations.

EXCHANGE RE-ACTS.

THE KIMBLE MARK.

LONDON, August 10.
Foreign exchanges after improving re-acted. The Belgian franc rose to 103.85 and closed at 105.25, the French franc closing at 99.76. Marks after being quoted nominally at ten million to the £ sterling closed at 16 to 18 millions.—Reuter.

GERMAN MACHINERY TRADE.

The report of the Union of German Machinery Manufacturers for the year 1922 contains several particulars of interest. The import of foreign machinery had dwindled down to a nominal fraction of the exports, about 2 per cent., the figures being respectively 10,700 tons and 491,000 tons, the German manufacturers now being able to almost entirely cover the home requirements. Still the machinery industry had had great difficulties to contend against. The 8-hour day and trouble concerning overtime, insufficient supply of iron, the fall of the exchange, increasing wages, shortage of skilled labour, the different taxation laws, the weakening of inland capital, import difficulties, etc., all had made themselves felt. The number of orders had receded on an increasing scale in the course of 1922. With reference to output in weight per man the union states that for 1922 it was on the average less than half the pre-war figure. The weight of products per man averaged, in 1910, 6.9 tons; in 1911, 6.9 tons; in 1912, 7.4 tons; in 1913, 7.7 tons; in 1921 the figure had receded to 4 tons; and in 1922, to 3.9 tons. The supply of pig-iron and rolled iron was inadequate during 1922. The industries employing pig-iron received only about 80 per cent. of their requirements. There was a continuous shortage of bar iron and sheets, but a sufficiency of heavy plates. Serious complaints had been made with regard to the price of pig-iron, especially after the rise of 50 per cent. on August 1, 1922.—Engineering.

WATER POLO.

KING'S SECOND TEAM
LOSE TO V.R.C.

(ARGUS.)

The R.A.M.C. having scratched to the R.G.A., there was only one match in the Water Polo League at the V.R.C. swimming pool last night. The game was between the V.R.C. first string and the King's second, the former winning by 15 goals to nil. In the first half Busschaert, within 15 seconds of the start, opened the score without the King's men having touched the ball. The same player added two more points from passes by Wittchell; Stewart added a fourth from a pass by Busschaert. The last named added the fifth and sixth, Stewart obtaining the seventh. After the interval, nine more goals were added by (2) Stewart (2) Busschaert (4) and Knight (1).

The sides were:
V.R.C. (A):—Mackenzie (goal); Knight, Wittchell (backs); Sewell (half-back); Lyon, Stewart, Busschaert (forwards).

King's (B):—Harris (goal); Porter, Carlin (backs); Boyle (half-back); Beesley, Jones, Broadwell (forwards).

Referee:—Mr. D. Clow.

VERBOTEN.

WHAT NOT TO DO ON THE TRAM.

A new set of bye-laws has been thought out by the General Managers of the Peak Tramway Company (Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Sons) and is published in the current issue of the *Government Gazette*. According to the regulations Peakites will not in future be permitted to—

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- (5) Smoke inside the tram.
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- (7) Play or perform (the distinction is not made clear) upon any musical instrument by way of relieving the tedium of the journey.
- (8) Get drunk and expect to be allowed to travel on the tram.
- (9) Swear or use obscene or offensive language, even when the Conductor forgets to stop at their station.

There are several other prohibitions and it is mentioned that the penalty in each case shall be a fine not exceeding \$10. The bye-laws are to come into force in a month's time.

BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Owing to the wretched weather during the past three week-ends, only one game has been played in the Hongkong Baseball League. Weather permitting to-day, the Americans will meet the Portuguese nine from the Lusitano R.C. at 5 p.m. The line-up follows:—

AMERICANS.	LUSITANO.
Church.....2b.	R. da Rocha
Dome.....ss.	D. Alves
Wilson.....c.f.	A. Remedios
O'Connor.....p.	E. da Rocha
Dowrick.....3b.	A. Gozalo
Lewis.....1.f.	C. Pereira
Finan.....1.b.	M. Rull
Koch.....1.b.	D. Xavier
Scott.....c.	J. Soares

FUTURE FIXTURES.

In the only game played to date, the Japanese defeated the Lusitano R.C. During the coming week, the Chinese and Indians will play off their postponed fixture. The future programme is—

- 12—Japanese—Indians.
- 18—Americans—Indians.
- 19—Japanese—Chinese.
- 25—Americans—Japanese.
- 26—Lusitano—Chinese.
- 31—Americans—Chinese.
- 2—Lusitano—Indians.

DAMAGED SHIP.

WEST RIVER BOAT
REPAIRED.

The s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheung" (Captain de la Sala) has recommenced the Hongkong-Wuchow run. About a fortnight ago, the ship suffered some damage when it had to be beached on the river bank above Ship Hing.

ROXOR

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PENALTIES.

"HEALTHY PROPAGANDA."

It was learned at the Colonial Secretariat, this morning, that steps have already been taken for a little healthy propaganda among the Chinese community with regard to the proposed measure to deal with the smuggling of arms. As regards the distribution of leaflets, Mr. Fletcher stated that the Captain Superintendent of Police, who was in charge of the propaganda work, might adopt such a measure, but the Government considered a more lasting method of impressing the Chinese mind was advisable.

SLASHING SENSATION.

JAPANESE REMANDED.

The stabbing incident at the Japanese house at No. 37, Hollywood Road yesterday, had its sequel this morning when Kamezo Nagano was charged with maliciously wounding and cutting his brother's wife named Toki Nagano.

Detective Inspector Eames asked for a week's remand to have accused under medical observation. It is learned that in addition to the details reported in yesterday's *China Mail* the accused complained of being unwell earlier in the morning. He had been out for medicine before his alleged attack on his sister-in-law.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Bombay millowners, after careful consideration of the trading position, have decided not to pay any bonus to their operatives for the present year but no stoppage of work or reduction in wage is contemplated in the near future.

Sir West Ridgeway presided on July 4 at the R.G.A. Council room at the annual meeting of the British Borneo Timber Co. at which an increase of profit of nearly £6,000 was announced; and £9,112 being the net profit, a dividend of three per cent was declared.

In a footnote to the annual report on the Customs Department, North Borneo for 1922, the Governor of the State says: The prospects for 1923 are brighter as the price of both rubber and copra is up. The prospects of the timber trade are however none too bright. His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong has, however, intervened and the junkies, which had been interfered with are again carrying timber. The timber trade to the United Kingdom is expanding, the recent reduction in freight rates being much appreciated. The Customs Department, I would add, is admirably administered by Mr. M. M. Clark.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Princess Maude is to marry Lord Carnegie, eldest son of the Earl of Southesk, on October 15 at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

Mr. A. D. Prouse, M.I.C.E., the Harbour Engineer, Colombo, is sending in his papers for retirement this year. Mr. Prouse came to Ceylon as assistant engineer, Colombo Harbour Works, in February, 1896. In February, 1913, he was appointed Harbour Engineer.

Mr. J. Strachan, Director of Public Works, F.M.S., left on the "Devanha" from Port Swettenham for Ceylon, where he is taking up a similar appointment. It was from Ceylon that Mr. Strachan came to Malaya in December, 1920, as Assistant Director of Public Works, which was then a new post in the F.M.S. Government Service. He succeeded Mr. Eyre-Kenny as D. P. W. on the latter's retirement last January.

A Reuter cable from London announces the death of General Sir O'Moore Creagh, V.C., G.C.B., G.S.C.I., Rising Sun of Japan (2nd Class) (General Creagh joined the Indian Army in 1870 and was attached to various commands till 1890, when he was appointed Political Resident and General Officer Commanding Aden, which post he held for two years. General Creagh served in the Afghan War 1879-80 (despatches, medal, Brevet Major, V.C.); Zho Valley Expedition 1890 (despatches); China Expedition 1900 (despatches); Commanding 1st Class District, India, 1903-1905; Secretary of Military Department of India Office, 1907-09. He was appointed Commander-in-Chief in India, 1904-14, and held that position till 1914, when he retired from the Army in the month of May.

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COLONY'S FINANCES.

FIGURES FOR MAY.

The Colony's financial statement for the month of May this year is as follows:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Balance of Assets and Liabilities	
April 30 1923	\$ 14,615,766.59
Revenue from May 1 to 31, 1923	\$ 1,953,376.09
	\$ 16,569,142.68
Expenditure from May 1 to 31, 1923	\$ 1,702,327.55
Balance	\$ 14,866,815.13

A comparative statement of the Colony's revenue and expenditure for the period ended May 31, this year, gives the following totals:—
Estimates, 1923: \$18,567,270; revenue from May 1 to 31, 1923: \$14,553,376.09; revenue for the corresponding period the previous year, \$18,564,488.34; actual revenue to May 31, this year \$10,287,737.31 and revenue for corresponding period—the previous year \$8,866,121.63.

Under the expenditure head the statement gives the following totals:—
Estimates, 1923: \$22,583,835; expenditure from May 1 to 31, 1923: \$1,702,327.55; expenditure for corresponding period the previous year, \$1,801,848.37; actual expenditure to May 31, 1923: \$1,453,376.09; and expenditure for corresponding period the previous year, \$1,453,376.09.

VAUDEVILLE.

NEW COMPANY AT
THE STAR.

Judging by the preliminary notices, the new company who make their first appearance at the Star to-night should provide an enjoyable evening's entertainment. They are a versatile company, their repertoire consisting of songs and dances with a wide range of appeal. Classical and exotic dances are given by Thomas Astorff, of the Imperial Russian Ballet. Those who can appreciate a good song will enjoy listening to Miss Maksakova, a lyric soprano from the Metropolitan Opera. Another item which sounds good is the act given by E. and V. Roudine, who are from the London Coliseum. Then there is Miss Gordon, English and French cantatrice, and Miss Loraine, who will appear in dances of the Orient. There is a comedienne in the company, Miss Lopez. Prices range from \$1 to \$3 and seats may be booked at Messrs. Mountie's.

SPURIOUS NOTES.

Possession of spurious Kwangtung notes to the value of \$7150 was the charge against a Chinese travelling trader before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning. Accused said that he had been paid the notes by a poultry dealer in Canton. A week's remand was ordered to allow accused to trace the dealer who is said to have paid him the money.

BOOKS

POETRY.

WALTER DE LA MARE:
PORT OF TISHNAR.

(By Llewellyn Jones.)

Walter de la Mare has been an easy subject for reviewers. They tell us that he is the poet of one mood, that he deals in "white music"—whatever that may be—and they lay especial stress upon his child poems. Here there is a permissible variation. If the reviewer is an unmarried youth he always adds that the child rhymes are too good for children—that only older people will appreciate them. But if he is a father he tries the poems out on his own children and does not make any such absurd statement.

Of these rhymes for and about children the greater number and the best will be found in "Peacock Pie"—included in the two volume collection of Mr. de la Mare's poetry published in 1920. A number not included in that book will be found in the book of Pamela Blincoe's drawings, "Flora," for which Mr. de la Mare wrote poems illustrating the drawings—thus reversing the usual order. The poems of both books which are more especially for children have been collected together with a few new poems, in "Down-Adown-Derry," published a year ago with drawings by Dorothy Lathrop, who also illustrated Mr. de la Mare's "The Three Mulla-Mulgars." And now comes the new edition of "A Child's Day" (first published in England in 1912), with illustrations by Winifred Bromhall.

Miss Blincoe's drawings—exhibited when she was twelve—years old—have inspired Mr. de la Mare—older than Pamela—to poetry that will appeal not only to other children Pamela's age but to their elders as well. Such stanzas as:

Suppose and suppose, when the
gentle star of evening
Came crinkling into the blue
A magical castle we saw in the
air, like a cloud of moonlight
Is onward we flew.

—although perhaps few children would stop to envy, as another poet might, the happiness of "crinkle." Miss Blincoe's drawing of a little girl entitled "Divine Delight" has moved Mr. de la Mare to the following reflection, a far from childlike one:

Dark, dark this mind, if ever in
rain it rose
The face of man in search of hope
and love;
Or, turning inward from earth's
sun and moon,
Spin in cold solitude thought's
mazed cocoon.
Fresh, hazy Time's branches
Hallow in space out-cry
The grace-toned trumpets of
Eternity.
World of divine delight! heart
whispereth
Though all its all but their
birth and death.

Though it is called a collection of "fair poems" the selection in "Down-Adown-Derry" exhibits more than one side of Mr. de la Mare's genius. "San's Three Wishes" or "Life's Little Whirligig" is a humorous rendering of Nietzsche's "Eternal Return"—achieved, however, by an old farmer who innocently wished that his youth might come back. On the other hand we have such a gravely beautiful poem as "The Sunken Garden":

Speak not—whisper not;
Here bluerose thyme and ver-
gamoat;
Softly on the evening hour,
Secret herbs their spices shower.
Dark-spiked rosemary and myrrh,
Lean-stalked purple lavender;
Hides within her bosom, too,
All her sorrows, bitter rue,
Breathe not—tread not;
Of this green and dawning spot,
Latticed from the moon's beams,
Perchance a distant dreamer
dreams:
Perchance upon its darkening air,
The unseen ghosts of children
fare,
Faintly weaving, sway and
sweep,
Like lovely sea-flowers in its
deep:
While, unmoved, to watch and
ward,
Amid its gloomed and daisied
ward.

Stands with bowed and weary
head
That one little leaden Lad.

In a footnote to "The Three Mulla-Mulgars" Mr. de la Mare explains Tishnar:

Tishnar is a very ancient word in
Munja, and means that which can-
not be thought about in words, or
told, or expressed. So all the
wonderful, secret, and quiet world
beyond the Mulgars' lives is Tishnar—
winds and stars, too, the endless
sea and the endless unknown.

In this particular book—the
adventures of three mulla-mulgars,
monkeys of a royal breed who are
travelling the jungle to find their
homelands, the word is used in
a more restricted sense than that
given above. But in its wider sense
it is Mr. de la Mare's own "Arabia
Deserta" which he alone has mapped.
His preoccupation with it is
given us in many of his most musical
poems, such as "Arabia":

Far are the shades of Arabia
Where the Princess rides at noon,
Mid the verdurous oases and
thickets.

Under the ghost of the moon;
And so dark is that cauled purple
Flowers in the forest rise
And take into blossom 'gainst the
phantom stars
Pale in the moonday skies.

Secret is the music of Arabia
In my heart when out of dreams
I fall in the thin, clear mirk of dawn
Desire her gliding streams;
Hear her strange lutes on the green
banks.

Ring loud with the grief and
delight
Of the dim-silken, dark-haired Musi-
cians
In the brooding silence of night.

They haunt me—her lutes and her
forests;
No beauty on earth I see
But shadowed with that dream re-
calls.

Her loveliness to me:
Still eyes look coldly upon me,
Cold voices whisper and say—
"He is crazed with the spell of far
Arabia,
They have stolen his wits away."

The beauty of that poem speaks
for itself. Its actual music is new
—and the Georgians have recognized
the beauty of Mr. de la Mare's
rhythmical effects and have occa-
sionally tried to imitate them. But
they are of a sort that is especially
hard to imitate. Any reader who
already possesses the two volumes

of collected poems and the later
collection, "The Veil," could aug-
ment their own after poem that might be
quoted here. "The Listeners" I
should never think of quoting
because anyone who knows any-
thing at all about contemporary
poetry knows it and knows that it
is one of the best poems of its kind
written in England for the last
fifty years—indeed it belongs with
"Kubla Khan" and "Christabel."

But here is a little poem much
less known which perhaps shows
that Mr. de la Mare is as far from
being an imagist as one could be:

They told me Pan was dead, but I
Oft marvelled what was that song
Down the green valleys languidly
Where the grey elder thickets hang.

Sometimes I thought it was a bird
My soul had charged with sorcery;
Sometimes it seemed my own heart
Heard
Inland the sorrow of the sea.

But even where the primrose acts
The seal of its pale loveliness,
I found amid the violets
Tears of an antique bitterness.

Ask any poet what he would give
to achieve such a last line as that,
and if he be a real poet he will
answer you, five years of his life.

We have already in quoting
"They Told Me" passed from the
mood of Arabia into a more open air
mood. He is not only an emotional
writer but a shrewd writer, and he
has attempted something unique in
poetic character painting. This is
no less than a series of short blank
verse "Characters from Shakespeare."

That was a large order.
We know what critics do to Shake-
speare's characters, and we know
that they have even called in
psycho-analysis to help them. To
criticize Shakespeare, according to
Croce's idea of criticism—which is
recreation—is more difficult still.
Mr. de la Mare has not only at-
tempted that but he has put his
recreations into poetical form: that
is to say he tries to meet Shake-
speare not partly on his own ground
as the Crocean critics would, but
wholly on it. I think that these
poems have not had anything like
the notice they deserve. Here is
one of them—to take a well known
character:

Umbrageous cedars murmuring
symphonies
Stooped in late twilight o'er dark
Denmark's Prince:
He sat, his eyes companioned with
dream—
Lustrous large eyes that held the
world in view

As some entranced child's a puppet
show.
Darkness gave birth to the all-trem-
bling stars,
And a far roar of long-drawn
cataracts,
Flooded immeasurable night with
sound.

He sat so still, his very thoughts
took wing.
And, highest Ariels, the stillness
haunted
With midge-like measures; but, at
last, even they
Sank 'neath the influences of his
night.

The sweet dust shed faint perfume
in the gloom;
Through all wild space the stars
bright arrows fell
On the lone Prince—the troubled
son of man—
On Time's dark waters in uncharit-
able trouble:
Then, as the rear increased, and one
fair tower
Of cloud took sky and stars with
majesty,
He rose, his face a parchment of old
age,
Sorrow hath scribbled o'er and o'er
and o'er.

And, for shrewdness, we have
Polonius:

There haunts in Time's bare house
an active ghost
Enamoured of his name, Polonius.
He moves small fingers much, and
all his speech
Is like a sampler of precise words,
Set in the pattern of a simpleton.

While the pathos of Hamlet is
matched by that of Ophelia, with
her last decision:

Better the glassy horror of the
stream.

This clairvoyant ability to see
wholly and walk around the charac-
ters created by other men informs
the only prose work of Mr. de la
Mare that has not been reprinted
recently, "Henry Brocken."

Every imaginative reader enjoys
a creative work for itself and then
extends the figures in it or tries to
get behind them. He thinks of
something the poet or dramatist
might have told us but did not. In
"Henry Brocken" Mr. de la Mare
does just that, but not as the casual
reader would. He does it with a
creative imagination which meets
the first author more or less on his
own ground. The framework of
the story is this: An imaginative
boy is brought up in solitude, in an
old country house. In its library he
reads all the imaginative triumphs
of English literature. And a great
itch to travel comes upon him:

But whither?

Now it seemed clear to me after
long brooding and musing that
however beautiful were these re-
gions of which I never wearied to
read, and however wild and faith-
ful and strange and lovely the
people of the books, somewhere
the former must remain yet,
somewhere in immortality serene,
dwelt they whom so many had
spent life dreaming and writing
about.

And one day, mounting upon a
horse that comes he knows not
whence, this youth rides off and
visits, like Tom o' Bedlam, whose
lines preface the book, the regions
of which he had dreamed.

The book is written in a very
beautiful poetic prose—numerous
poets, the grammarians would call
it—and while it might be called a
tour de force, it is an indubitably
successful one. There is for
instance the youth's meeting with
the physician from "Macbeth."
You remember the doctor in the
fifth act of the play, who hears and
sees Lady Macbeth as she walks in
her sleep and tries to wash away the
stains of Duncan's blood. This
doctor is living eternally with his
viol and his old songs. His visitor
asks him about the tragedy, and we
have in his answer, a hint of a new
view of the matter, "if, watching
again the play from 'in front,' we
could suddenly transport ourselves
to another vantage point and see
otherwise hidden expressions upon
the facts of the characters. The
effect cannot be reproduced here—
and a very real effect it is—but we
may quote a few of the introductory
words to it, simply to exhibit Mr.
de la Mare's glowing style in this
book. This is the morning on which
the wanderer, after sleeping in an
old graveyard, meets the physician:

Surely some hushed poppy
blossomed in the darkness of those
ruins, or the soulless ashes of the
dead breathe out a dreamy in-
fluence. Never have I slept so
heavily, yet perhaps never beneath
so cold a test. Sun-beams
streaming between the crests of
the cypress awoke me. I leapt
up as if a hundred sentinels had
shouted—where none kept visible
watch.

An odour of a languid sweet-
ness permeated the air. There was
no wind to stir the dew-besprink-
led trees. The old, scarred grave-
stones stood in a thick sunshine,
afloat with bees. But Rosinante
had preferred to survey sunshine
out of shade. In lush grass I

found her, the picture of age, foot
crook'd and head dejected.

The book is out of print, but that
does not really matter to its pre-
destined reader, who can easily get
it by calling upon the aid of any
dealer in first editions.

As it is so much better known
little need be said here of the
"Memoirs of a Midget." This is
Mr. de la Mare's masterpiece in
prose and undoubtedly one of the
permanent contributions of the
twentieth century to English litera-
ture. It is the story of a woman
midget, told from within. Of good
family and with a soul as sensitive
as one might imagine from her size
and her heredity, she lives a life of
intense imagination as a child, in
a garden that to her is an adven-
turous wilderness, and in her grown
up years has to face that wider
wilderness of human beings. In
this book Mr. de la Mare is at once
the poet of childhood and gardens
and the realist who can depict with
cruel accuracy the weak and the
wicked.

But I have tried in the foregoing
notes to call attention rather to the
less known than to the better known
aspects of Mr. de la Mare's genius.
Of his poems many critics have
spoken. It is no exaggeration to
say that he stands alone among
present day English poets. And it
is wrong to regard him merely as a
minor poet writing disconnected
lyrics. His poems taken as a whole
cover a high and connected terrain.
His Tishnar is a country in which
we may all recognize claims which
we, too, have tried to stake out. It
is a country of indefinable but
nevertheless real mental states—
beyond that is within. And Mr. de
la Mare is a philosopher with a
categorical imperative for us. It is:

Look thy last on all things lovely,
Every hour. Let no night
Scal thy sense in deathly slumber
Till to delight
Thou have paid thy utmost bless-
ings;
Since that all things thou wouldst
praise
Beauty took from those who loved
them
In other days.

FILMS

PROGRAMME FEATURES.
TO-NIGHT.

Coronet—"The Road to London"
and "Saturday Morn-
ing."
World—"The New Leather
Pusher, Round 10,"
"When Kane Met Abel"
and "Tillie."
Star, Kowloon—Grand Vaude-
ville Entertainment.

MERTON OF THE MOVIES.

A reviewer in the *Cape Times*,
after reading *Merton of the Movies*,
rushed into verse in this fashion:

If you are mad on movie shows,
like Merton,

If you are thrilled at each suc-
ceeding scene,

Don't read it—disillusionment is
certain

When you learn of all the tricks
behind the screen.

When you meet the "heavy
father" in his own home,
And the droopy-lidded "vampire"
when at rest,

When you know that why the
"villain" looks so jaded

Is because he cannot smoke with
any zest—

When you find the "sumptuous
library" is card-board,
And "my lady's boudoir" only has
three walls,

If may somewhat blunt the edge
of your enjoyment—

Perchance drive you to shun the
picture halls.

But if you like a story clean and
witty,
And love the foibles of your
fellow-men,
These adventures within the
movie city
Are well worth reading once—if
not again.

FILM INFLUENCE.

MR. W. B. MAXWELL'S VIEW
OF PRESENT "CRISIS."

Mr. W. B. Maxwell, the novelist,
who has just returned to London
after representing the Authors'
Society of England at the Inter-
national Congress on the Motion
Picture Arts in New York, believes
that the film play has reached a
critical point so far as its influence
is concerned. He said:

If the film improves it will do
good. If not it will do harm. In
certain inferior film productions
there is no appeal to the mind, no
uplift of any kind. One can guess
the end almost before the play
starts.

Where the film is good and does
stimulate the imagination it con-
fers a very great benefit to society.
The producer must make the film
play simple and easy, but if the
film play is made too simple there
is a danger that instead of educa-
tional being educated their
intelligence may be deadened.

As a result you may get as the
universal type of the cinema
patron the large, blonde girl who
sits sucking chocolates, holding
her sweetheart's hand, and vagu-
ely watching the film play—not
sure whether she likes best the
taste of the sweetest, the pres-
sure of her lover's fingers, or the
sensation aroused by the phantom
pictures on the screen.

GREAT FILM WRITERS.
Mr. Maxwell believes that while
great film writers may arise, their
art is not to be ranked with the
novelist's or dramatist's.

Trained authors who write
direct for the screen will do the
work well, but they are likely to
work on machine-made lines, los-
ing the really fine ideas which I
am persuaded can be expressed on
the screen.

You want the real literary man
as the creative artist and the
highly trained producer as his
interpreter.

I consider that a great step for-
ward in the progress of the film
play has been made by the con-
gress, which was the first at
which the various problems have
been considered seriously.

CINEMA CHATTER.

NORMA'S CUPS.

In order to spur the players in the
polo match depicted in "The Voice
from the Minaret" to their best
endeavours, Norma Talmadge
awarded four handsome silver cups,
one for each member of the winning
aggregation.

Lady Teazle Retires.

After many strenuous weeks de-
voted to the creation of the film
Lady Teazle, Queenie Thomas is
taking a short rest before commencing
work in her next film. "The
School for Scandal" has been com-
pleted, and Miss Thomas has packed
up her big bags, walking canes,
and billowy gowns and has returned
them to the costumiers, for she says
she has no wardrobe big enough to
contain them.

She is keeping the silken mittens
which she wore in many of the
scenes as a souvenir of the film.

Changing Her Spots.

For the first time in her screen
career Valia, the beautiful Anglo-
Russian film actress, is playing the
part of a happy-go-lucky girl. Her
vampire methods have been for-
gotten, and she is now playing
opposite Jack Buchanan (newly re-
cruited from the stage) in "Squire
—the Audacious."

Valia declares she has seldom felt
happier than when she made her
first appearance before the camera
in this part, and when she visited
a cinema to see herself as the vil-
laine in "The Green Caravan,"
which is now released, she said she
felt like shouting at herself.

I Have Seen.

Only now and then in his latest
picture, "The Pilgrim," did we see
Charlie Chaplin—the old Charlie—
as we know him in "The Kid." On
this whole I was rather disappointed,
and unless he can turn out better
stuff than this the great little man
will be displaced by Lloyd, or one
or other of the younger funny men.
As an escaped convict he impersonates
a person in a small country
town, and does lots of really clever
things, but somehow they lacked
the lustre of other days. His dumb-
show sermon on "David and
Goliath" is, however, the funniest
thing I have seen for a long time,
and is really Chaplin at his best.

There is little exceptional in "The
Scarlet Angel." An adventuresome
is the case of a blind young musi-
cian's imprisonment for theft, and
stricken by remorse, she meets him

on his release and reforms. In the
end he recovers his sight, and
marries a former sweetheart, while
the woman does the big white sacri-
fice stuff, and goes off to Russia as
a nurse. For all that, the picture
is quite interesting, although incli-
ned to drag a little towards the end.
The characterisation all through is
cleverly done.

That, on occasion, the lot of the
modern policeman, like that of his
Gilbertian brother, is not a happy
one, is the point brought out in
"Heroes of the Street," a pleasant
production in which young Wesley
Barry and dainty Marie Prevost give
remarkably clever performances.

The melodramatic atmosphere of
"La Tosca" gives itself well to
screen production, and Frances
Bertini with her emotional ability
has made much of the title role.
The murder of Scarpia was cleverly
done.

Flora la Breton has done better
things than "Little Miss Nobody,"
a picture which for sheer inconsis-
tency rivals the curm's egg. In the
part of a little governess she was
just a little too restrained, and
might have "let herself go" with
considerable effect.



Miss Justine Johnston, famous
American beauty of the stage and
screen, is pictured here as the ap-
peared when she left the law
court in London, with her hus-
band, who is, using a British
motion picture concern. Miss
Johnston is wearing her wonder-
ful emerald necklace.

FILM TOPICS.

"IDEAL'S" FILM.

Ideal will shortly be showing a
new picture, to which exceptional
importance is attached. It is called
"Loves of the Mighty," and may be
described as a poignant spectacular
drama, built on extremely ambi-
tious lines.

Like "This Freedom," "Jen-
alousy," and other recent "Ideal"
successes, "Loves of the Mighty"
depends for its chief attraction on a
vital story, which may be called the
recurring tragedy of human history
—a great popular leader, mastered
by the eternal feminine, and, as a
result, falling helpless into his
enemies' hands.

We hear that the theme is worked
out in a series of sequences so
dramatic and intense as to hold the
spectator spell-bound throughout.
Grandeur is the keynote of the
production, massed crowds playing
their part in scene after scene. In
one magnificent set, the gallery in
which the mob are seated rises to a
height of 60 feet, and is packed solid
with humanity.

One of the features of the produc-
tion is the manner in which the
crowds are handled. The acting,
too, will be found to be of real dis-
tinction, the chief part being taken
by Emil Jennings, who will be re-
membered for his performances in
"Passion" and "Peter the Great."

WESTERN DRAMA.

"The Good Old Days" is a slogan
which seems to find a responsive
echo in public favour, particularly
in film entertainment. People talk
of the good old days in film enter-
tainment, the days of exciting
Western dramas, and it is a fact
that this type of film entertainment
is still favoured.

In a recent statistical investiga-
tion carried out by an independent
authority in America to ascertain
the relative appeal of various kinds
of films, good Western drama head-
ed the list, with plenty of margin
over its nearest rival, in the affec-
tions of the public. In this country
Gaumont, which runs a consistent
service of two-reel Westerns, re-
ports that the average number of
bookings on good Western two-
reelers is above the average on a
feature of equivalent merit.

An announcement recently of a
new "Range Rider Series" of two-
reel Westerns, in which Leo
Maloney is featured, brought more
interest than an ordinary
feature drama, and exhibitors have
no hesitation whatever in booking

Maloney, of course, has estab-
lished a reputation for his work in two-
reel Westerns, and his "Range
Rider Series" not only represent the
last word in two-reel dramas from
America, but they are also the best
in which Maloney has yet appeared.
There are twelve subjects in the
series.

UNIVERSAL'S MOVE.

The cry for "better pictures" is
being answered from all quarters.
Already one conference is sitting in
New York to think out the program
of rescuing motion pictures from
deteriorating into a mere mechanical
toy. Carl Laemmle, president, has
also contributed his weight in the
push for "better pictures" by offer-
ing a Laemmle Scholarship for best
scenarios for which the students of
hundreds of colleges are competing.
Meanwhile Laemmle smartly turn-
ed the tables on some prominent
film critics by inviting them, in
effect, to take over the Universal
scenario desk and show what they
could do.

One reason for this step was cer-
tain criticism in America levelled at
the Universal screen adaptations of
"The Flirt," a popular Booth Tark-
ington novel, and by the announced
plans for the film of "The Hun-
chback of Notre Dame." The criti-
cisms were based on slight changes
or projected changes in plot due to
translations from book to screen. A
general realisation of the fact that
the screen has its own media and
that there can be no perfect transla-
tion from book to screen any more
than there can be perfect transla-
tion from music to painting, will,
in Carl Laemmle's opinion, remedy
this uncalled for criticism.

Already two New York jour-
nalists, film critics, and University
graduates have been selected to con-
struct film plays, instead of critic-
ing the finished product. Their
efforts in this direction will be
watched with interest, and not
without sympathy, for it is Laem-
mle's ambition to see in the prom-
ising young men and young
women who are to be the creative
geniuses of tomorrow—in writing,
in technical improvement, and in
artistic screen progress.

"THE ROMANY."

Remarkably clever acting and
beautifully photographed Scottish
exteriors are the outstanding fea-
tures of "The Romany," a produc-
tion by E. Martin Armstrong, an
original screen story by Elliot Stan-
nard, which is being shown at the
Palace, Edinburgh.



Adolph Zukor

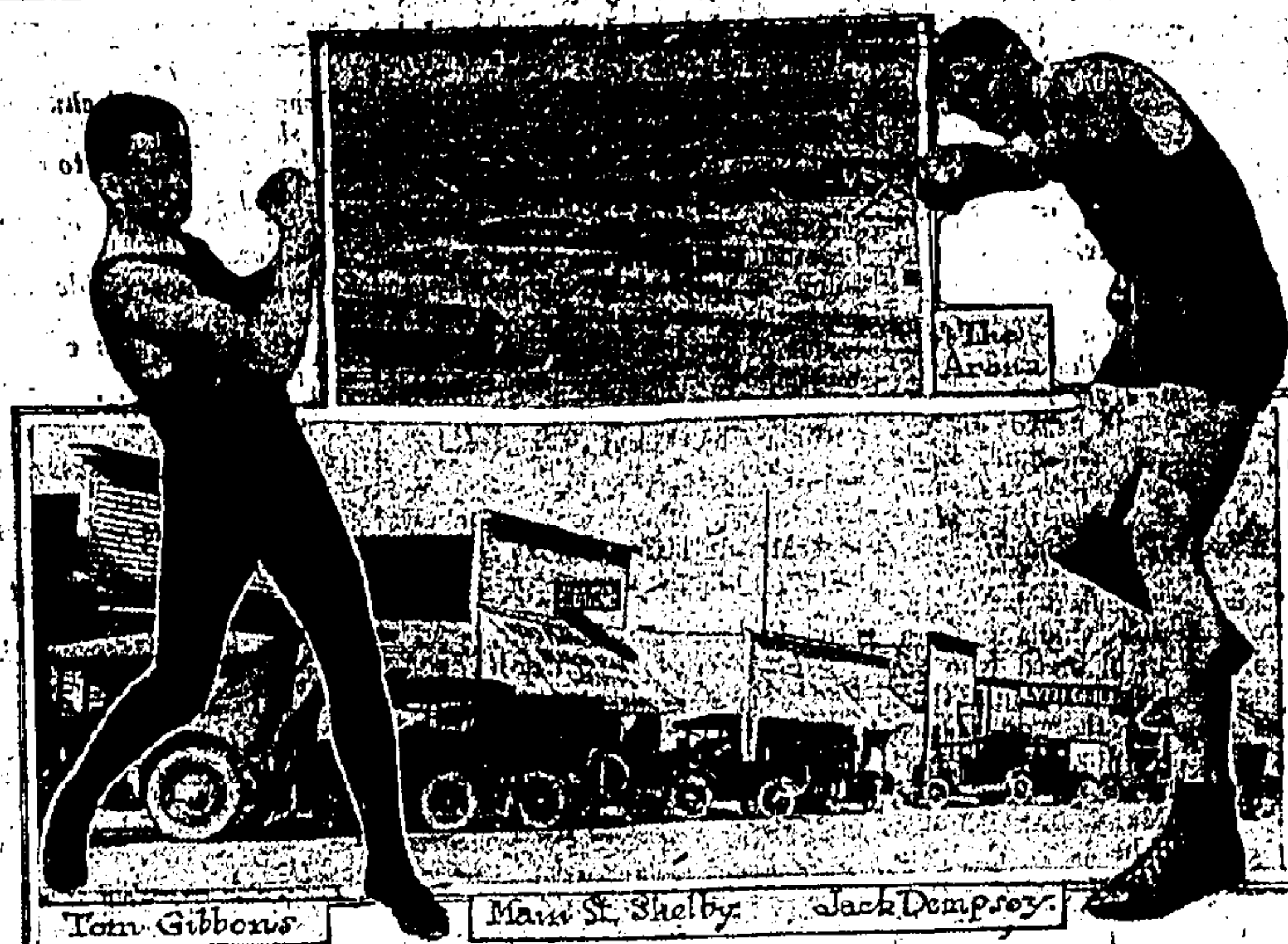
The writer of the "best picture of
the year" for a number of years
will be rewarded by a cheque for
\$10,000, the gift of Adolph Zukor,
film magnate, the latter announced
at the International Congress of
Motion Picture Arts in New York.
A jury composed of members of
the Authors' League will judge all
efforts. Good taste, fair play and
a respect for law are among the
requisites of the "best photoplay,"
Zukor said.

How a Romany chief chivalrously
shelters a runaway Scottish maid
from an importunate suitor, and
thereby incurs the superstitious
wrath of his followers and the jeal-
ousy of his gipsy sweetheart, forms
the subject of the story. Ultimate-
ly, the undesired suitor is killed in
a thunderstorm, while the fair re-
fugee, after behaving very ungrate-
fully to her protector, pairs off with
her true lover, leaving the gipsy
sweetheart free to be happy again.

As the reckless Romany chief,
Victor MacLagan gives a fine per-
formance. Hugh E. Wright draws
a richly humorous portrait of a gipsy
"medicine man"—a characterisation
which is a joy in itself, irrespective
of its relevancy to the story. Ma-
jor's study of the venerable Scot-
tish grandmother is a powerfully
dramatic study, whilst Irene Nor-
man, who is the Marchioness of
Queensberry, makes a very pleasing
Valia, the jealous gipsy sweetheart.



Machinist's Mate P. O. Gann, of the United States Naval Aviation Service, stationed at Pensacola, Florida, was married a few days ago and took his bride on an aerial honeymoon. Gann purchased a seaplane with his savings, taught his wife how to fly and hopped off for New Orleans and Mobile. When the ship left Pensacola Mrs. Gann had the controls. They are shown receiving the farewell of a friend just before take-off.



Tom Gibbons and Jack Dempsey who met for the World's Championship. The fight went the scheduled number of rounds and was awarded to Dempsey. The meeting was a financial failure.



When Jockey Steve Donoghue rode Barney Irish's Papyrus to victory in the English Derby it was a great day all around for the word "Irish." Donoghue is an Irishman, and a Dublin shopgirl, Miss Edie O'Dwyer, held the winning ticket in the great Marconi-Calcutta Derby Sweepstakes, which paid her \$300,000 on the winner. She is shown here receiving the news of her good luck.

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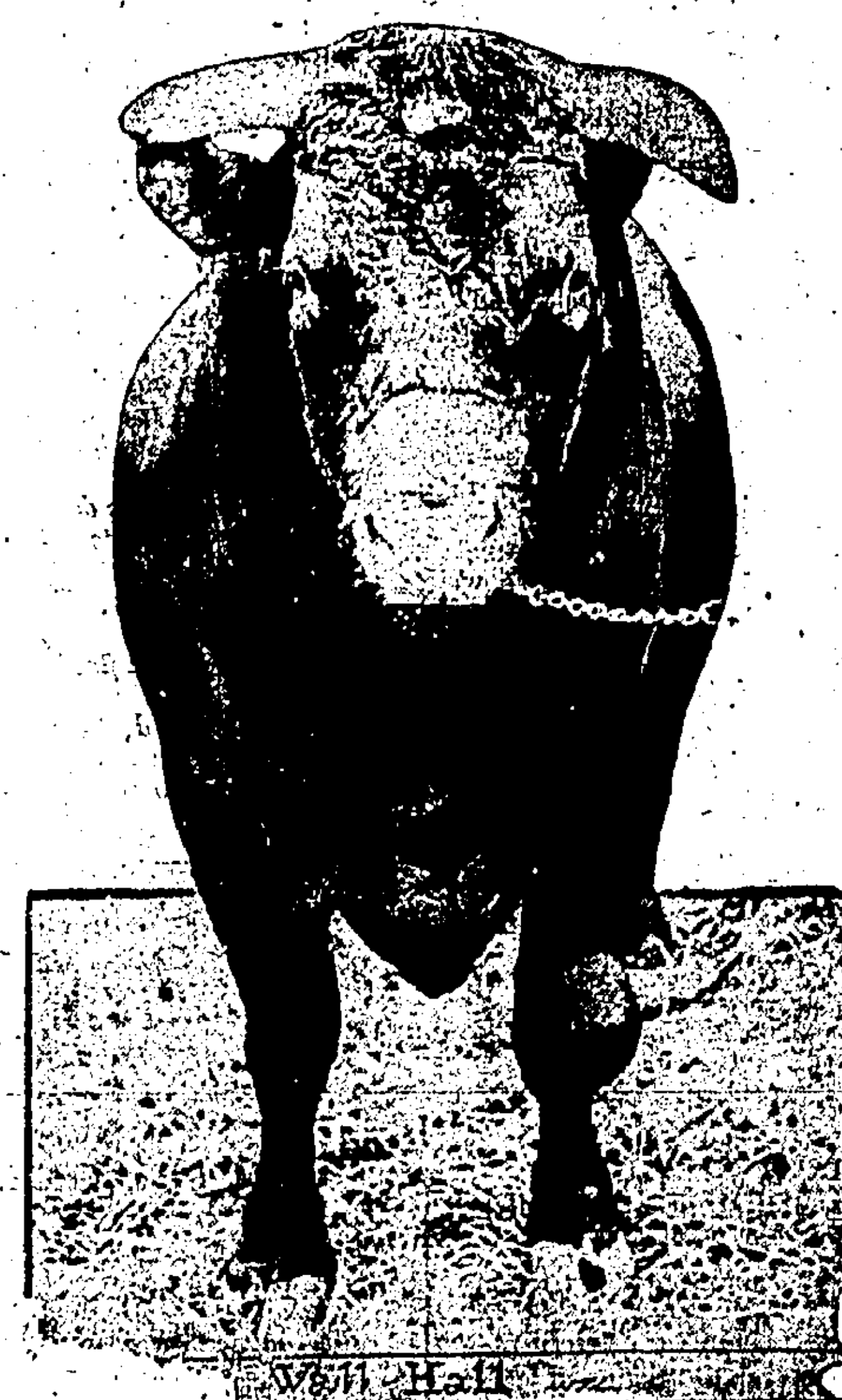
James F. Dougherty, of Ridley Park, well-known sportsman, was selected to referee the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in Shelby, Montana on July 4.



Tom Taggart, leader of Indiana's Democracy, sometimes called the "President Maker," is shown here conversing with Governor A. E. Smith, who is spending his vacation in French Lick, Indiana. Governor Smith is regarded as a potential Presidential candidate and will probably have the backing of the wets as a result of his signing the Cuvillier bill, repealing the Mullin-Gage Prohibition Enforcement Act.



Here are shown types of refugees fleeing toward Catania, Sicily, from a recent outbreak of the volcano Mount Etna, whose latest eruption has already driven 100,000 persons from their homes. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has risked his life numberless times in aiding refugees and when asked to retire to a place of safety he declined, declaring he would remain to work for his people in their time of disaster.



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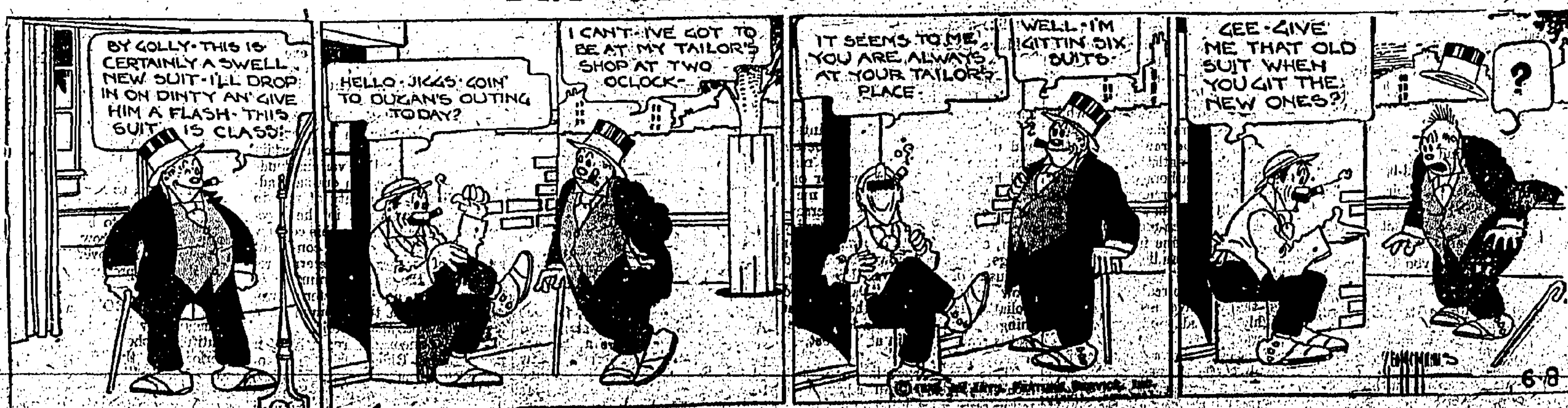
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